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THE TWENTIETH SESSION.

The first term of the twentieth session is nearing completion, and we are pleased to report that in point of attendance and efficiency of work, it equals any term of the past. The present enrolment of students numbers 64 in the day classes and over 200 in the evening classes, and as in former years represent a great variety of denominations. The same harmonious spirit pervades our work, which shows that the truth uniting all branches of the Christian Church is far greater than the individual facts that separate them.

There seems to be an idea abroad that the work of the Bible College is largely of a "Bible Class" character, and does not call for any great effort to accomplish it. A brief interview with any of the students will quickly dispel such an impression, for we find that most of them consider the work all they can master, with occasional cases where they are not able to keep up with it.

While it is true that the Bible is our chief text book, the course of instruction therein is both comprehensive and thorough, as the following details will indicate:—

During the present term instruction is given by the Principal in Old Testament Studies, the Life and Epistles of Paul and Biblical Introduction; Prof. W. H. Griffith Thomas lectures each week on the Book of Joshua, giving outline, analysis and interpretation of its contents. The Secretary is doing similar work in the Gospel by St. John, tracing the great argument and evidences of the Diety of Our Lord. Rev. F. S. Weston lectures twice a week on Christian Doctrine, dealing at present with Regeneration, Justification and Sanctification. Rev. W. F. Roadhouse has two periods each week in Homiletics, Personal Work and English. Mr. J. I. Byler conducts a class in Musical sight-reading and the conduct of Gospel song. In the afternoon of Monday and Tuesday, Rev. C. E. Luce conducts classes in New Testament Greek, and on Monday afternoon Dr. O. C. J. Withrow lectures on Physiology and medical and surgical emergencies.

In addition to all this, the students are organized for active evangelistic and personal work, on which they are required to report and be examined.

As a voluntary part of our work the students meet for the study of the great Mission Fields of the world, under their own appointed leaders, and group themselves according to the country in which they are personally interested. These classes meet once each week.

From this outline, it will be evident that the average young man or woman, who would do justice to their work will find sufficient to keep them busy.

The only paper set thus far this term was on Old Testament Studies, and the results show the following standing:—

1.....99%	4.....88%
3.....98	2.....85
2.....97	2.....84
2.....96	7.....82
4.....95	2.....79
2.....94	2.....78
4.....93	2.....76
2.....92	
1.....90	
3.....89	

On Tuesdays and Thursdays the evening classes meet, when four lectures are delivered by the Principal, Rev. F. S. Weston, Rev. W. F. Roadhouse, and the Secretary. These lectures cover in part the work done in the day classes.

THE VALUE OF BIBLE SCHOOLS.

A recent article on the above subject appeared in the Sunday School Times, by Dr. John Marvin Dean, of Chicago, and is of such value in setting forth the facts in the case that we have had the article printed in leaflet form and will be pleased to supply as many as may be desired for distribution. It is gratifying to know that the Toronto Bible College has anticipated the development Dr. Dean suggests as being most desirable in this department of Christian training.

OUR NEED OF A RESIDENCE.

For years past the need of a residence where our students can live together has been keenly felt, and as time goes on that need is felt more and more.

The question of securing suitable rooms, especially for our young women who are away from home has become a serious one. Toronto is not what it was twenty or even ten years ago, and if the facts we have to deal with were known to our friends, we feel sure they would do something in the matter.

It was in the plan of our late President, Dr. Harris, to secure such a building for the College, but his untimely death prevented its realization. Its advantages are obvious and without such accommodation we are prevented from doing our best work.

Who will take up the matter and make it their contribution to the Christian forces of our city?

THE COLLEGE'S PRACTICAL WORK.

The Christian life of the students finds expression in many ways. Their practical work is done systematically, under the direction of an Evangelistic Band of which Messrs. Dunk and Byler are leader and vice-leader respectively. Under this department is the visiting of the Hospitals, encouraging the sick and pointing the concerned to Christ. This is the Master's own service, a ministry of large possibilities and fruitfulness. Many of the young men and women assist in the Bible Schools of the city, while several young women have received positions as Bible-women to some of the Missions.

But the major part of the College's ministry is in evangelistic work as a band, both in regular appointments and in occasional services throughout the city and beyond. A packing-house receives a weekly speaker; Christie's biscuit factory has a meeting every Monday noon; Yonge St. Mission gets a strong service every Wednesday night; Sackville Mission a bi-weekly one, and the Aged Men's Home a monthly gathering. The following places have been visited on recent Sunday evenings: Dufferin Street and Weston Road Baptist Churches; the Finnish (Presbyterian) Mission; East Toronto Mennonite; Christian and Missionary Alliance; Parkdale Tabernacle, and Emerson St. Mission. Wellesleyville, Waterloo Co., was given a four-days' mission. A good spirit has characterized all this work, and there have been a number of conversions.

The evening classes, too, have been conducting a weekly meeting in the King St. Mission, near Sherbourne St. This touches the so-called "down and out" class of men, and gives a practical opportunity for the Gospel to exemplify its magic power. Mr. Roadhouse has been gratified at the warm, earnest, gospel addresses of the evening students. He is open to some engagements in city churches, where he can do evengelistic work on Sunday evenings, using these students as helpers.

Pray for all these varied activities that they may be vitalized by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit of God.

MISSIONARY NOTES.

As in former sessions, there is a strong missionary spirit in the College. The meetings for promotion of missionary interest and prayer have been well attended. Stirring messages from various fields have been given by Rev. John Linton (S. America, Dr. Margaret Patterson (India), Miss Platt (Turkey), Mr. O. S. Burgess (China), Mr. A. Bowen (Africa), Miss Shondrick (Home Field), and Miss Lawrence (Jewish Mission, New York).

Several delegates attended the Student Missionary Convention at Kingston, Nov. 7-9. The reports given before the student body were much appreciated.

We trust that the deep missionary interest will ever continue, and that many more will go forth from our College to carry the message of life to a dark world.

L. C. D.

MAINTENANCE.

We are deeply thankful for the way our friends remember and respond to the material needs of the College. This year has been one of extra demands on our treasury. It became necessary to install a new hot water furnace and to add seventy-five new desk chairs to our furniture, in order to accommodate the attendance at the evening classes. As we have no reserve fund for this purpose, and closed last year with a deficit of $100.00, our friends will be pleased to know that we have been able to meet this extra expenditure already, through the continued and increased gifts of our supporters.

There can be no doubt that the blessing of the Lord rests on this work, else it

could not have continued and increased through the past twenty years, and those who are now called to bear the responsibility of its management have but one concern, that they approve themselves to the Lord in being true to the trust committed to them.

EXAMINATIONS BEGIN DEC. 15TH.

The present term will close on Friday, Dec. 19th, and the next term will begin on Monday, Jan. 5th.

REV. R. N. BURNS, D.D.

It is with much pleasure we announce that Rev. Dr. Burns, at present Minister of Berkeley St. Methodist Church, has consented to become a member of the Council of the Bible College. Dr. Burns' place in the Christian Ministry as an outspoken exponent of vital evangelical truth is well known, and his official relationship to our work will be of great value to us.

Mr. Mervin Ganton, '13, president of the College Volunteer Band of last session, sailed for South America October 11th. He has gone out under the South American Evangelical Union, to Peru, and intends working with the natives along agricultural lines.

Our prayers follow him that his earnest, consecrated life will make its impress upon the neglected people among whom he will work.

In a recent letter he tells us that he had crossed the equator, and had had a very pleasant voyage in which his "MAIL BAG" has been a large part. The letters of the students have been a source of great blessing to him. The promises of the Lord have never failed. He has not had a lonely moment.

He met a number of missionaries at Panama and Calca, and had a very enjoyable time with them. He says there is a great need for workers, and adds, "When we pray for laborers, pray that the unfitted ones may be kept at home," as already he has heard some sad stories of mis-fits.

His address will be,—
Hacienda,
Urco,
Calca,
Peru, South America.

GRADUATES PURSUING FURTHER STUDIES.

The students of '13 and former years are scattered to various institutions, continuing their studies. At McMaster University, Toronto, are Messrs. T. R. Sorton, Wm. McDonald, Percy G. Near, Glen Wardell. At Louisville, Ky., (Baptist) Seminary are Messrs. Fred Vine, Wm. Kuhnke and J. G. Butler, while Mr. Oswald Smith has returned from a good summer's work to McCormick (Presbyterian) Seminary, Chicago. Mr. Clinton F. Creswell ('13), after spending the summer in mission work in Northern Ontario, has gone to Columbia University, New York, whence he writes concerning his course: "The Toronto Bible College not only fits a man for academic university work, but keeps him true to Christ throughout."

PERSONAL.

Mr. W. W. White ('13) was recently called to the pastorate of the Baptist church at Westford, Vermont, and has entered upon his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan MacDonald, now in India, have been compelled to leave their field for the mountains, owing to the illness of their baby. They serve under the Canadian Presbyterian Board.

There have been two marriages amongst those who have gone out from our halls: Miss E. M. Linklater ('11) to the Rev. A. M. O'Donnell of Vancouver, a Presbyterian pastor. And on Oct. 30th, Miss A. M. Albrecht ('11) was married to Mr. Harold Waite, also a former student. Mr. Waite is Canadian Secretary of the Pocket Testament League. We extent congratulations to these friends.

During the past months two of our graduates have gone to serve the Lord on high and to "see His face"; Mrs. A. C. Gould, who graduated as Miss L. M. Warren ('05), and Mr. J. S. Musselman ('10). The date of the latter's wedding had been set, and his death occurred only three days previously. He was to have gone into foreign service this autumn. But our Lord makes no mistakes.

Miss Maude Sweetman, of 1913, is now living in Chicago, Ill., and intends taking up some special subjects at the Moody Bible Institute. Her address is, 6249 Magnolia Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Miss Edna Fallis, graduate of 1912, is taking a short course in the Nursing-at-Home previous to leaving for South America.

Miss Uberta Steele, whose life in our midst last session, added so much to the missionary interest of the College, is at present on the Yangtse River, on her way to her post in West China. She writes of her great happiness as she nears her girls with whom she will work, and asks our prayers that many may be won for Christ.

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" 40	5 00	" 85	100 00
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JOSEPH N. SHENSTONE, Treas.

The friends of the Bible College can render a valuable service both to it and others by calling the attention of young men and women to the fact that a valuable and practical course of instruction is provided by this Institution free of charge, to all who are prepared to take it up in order to fit themselves for useful Christian service. It is not necessary that they must think of being missionaries or ministers, service in their own home church, Sunday school or young people's societies is quite sufficient as a basis for entering the College.

Send the Secretary a list of those you think would be interested, and he will send them literature.

Mr. A. W. Hutchinson, who attended the evening classes for the past three years, has left for mission work in Brazil, South America. His address will be 25 Rua da Liberdade, Sao Paulo, Brazil, South America.

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